

**Amesbury, MA Parks & Rec Commission Meeting Minutes****Wednesday, September 29, 2021**

- Call to Order - Meeting called to order 6:30 PM
- Roll Call - Troy, Ashley, Chris, Matt [Ryan Lopes was not present]
- Public comment - Jimmy Olsen reported there was no public comment
- Approve notes from April meeting
  - Ashley made a motion to approve notes from July 21 meeting
  - Matt seconded
  - Troy agreed
  - Chris agreed
- Inventory of facilities on website (recap)
  - Ashley asked if Caitlin has everything she needs; Jimmy will check with Caitlin and provide an update at our meeting in October
- City property rental rate discussion
  - Jimmy provided the following information:
    - Current fees are waived until 12/31/2021
    - Amesbury's hourly rate is low compared with surrounding communities
    - Fee changes require City Council vote
  - Jimmy said the City would like us to recommend a pricing structure considering the following:
    - Event size – small party v. festival
    - Deposit and/or damage provision
    - Profit v non-profit rate
  - Commission members will provide the pricing structure for the following communities:
    - Ashley – Salisbury
    - Ryan – Georgetown
    - Matt – Newburyport
    - Troy – Haverhill
    - Chris – Andover and maybe Ipswich
- Chris asked the status of the 2019 Amesbury Recreational space plan City groups were working in conjunction with Milone & McBroom. Jimmy said he will check the status of the plan. As part of the discussion, Jimmy provided an explanation for why the baseball fields being moved to Town Park was expedited- that fields were being lost as part of the Cashman School development. Chris asked about the status of rectangular fields, since soccer has also lost fields due to the poor conditions at Woodsom and the loss of the Sports Park fields. Commission members discussed the history of Woodsom Farm and the need for keeping rectangular fields on the Parks & Rec Commission agenda.

- Future Meeting Dates / Times
  - The next meeting to be held Wednesday October 20, 2021 at 6:30 PM at the Senior Center
- Adjourn
  - Chris made a motion to adjourn
  - Troy seconded
  - Ashley agreed
  - Matt agreed